## Villainous Verses

### **Humpty Dumpty - The Truth**



We all know how the story goes; that funny old egg with his wiggly toes; the way he sat on a very high wall then came right down with a great big fall. You know he fell and smashed his shell; they fixed him up with super-strength gel, but did you know that's not where it ends? That Humpty's a cheat and betrayed his friends? To understand the real egg story, get yourself ready cos it gets a bit gory. For Humpty wasn't an egg at all: he was a big of metal cannonball! It starts way back in history; the exact date remains a mystery.

Let's set the scene in the Civil War the Roundheads wanted
a king no more!

They cornered a load of the enemy men,
who scarpered and hid in
a fortified den!

The Cavaliers wanted to keep their king
and were confident
Humpty could do his thing.

The biggest cannon; the biggest ball.
Humpty sat
on the castle wall.

"I will blast them to kingdom come!"
Humpty cried as

they beat their drum.

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The Cavaliers shouted, the Cavaliers cheered,
surely, they were the
ones to be feared.

But Humpty wasn't keen on the king he didn't like
his crown or bling.

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Humpty was a Roundhead at heart he loved the way they
dressed up smart.

Fighting them was a bad idea

so he waited till
they crept up near.
"Shoot 'em! Blast 'em!" his comrades screamed;
"In a moment,"
the cannonball beamed.

Humpty had no thought of fighting in fact, betraying them
was quite exciting.

"Quick! Fire Now!" his friends were crying,
"Yes, in a moment,"
he carried on lying.

But Humpty wasn't a clever ball:

But Humpty wasn't a clever ball: as he sat there smiling on the wall

from a simple Roundhead's point of view, smashing him was quite the coup! They shot their guns and bombs at Humpty

(it was around now he felt a numpty).

The wall around him began to crumble;

Humpty took a

fatal tumble.

Down he fell and cracked his head;

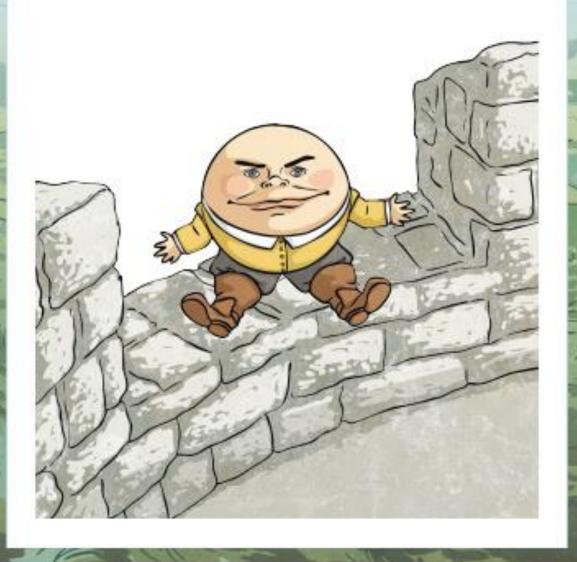
all around him his friends were dead.

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He had lied, he had betrayed;
in lots of pieces
now he laid.

All the king's horses, all the king's men
couldn't put Humpty
together again.

That's the truth! That selfish ball!
A rotten egg
falling off the wall.



# Questions

1.	According to the first verse, what did Humpty do to his friends?				
2.	What are the names of the two armies fighting each other?				
3.	'Fighting them was a bad idea'. Who is the poem talking about here, and why is fighting them a bad idea? Give two reasons for your answer.				
4,	Match the numbers to these events in the poem, so that they are in time order. N the first event that happened.	umber 1 is			
	The Cavaliers cheered.	1			
	Humpty fell off the castle wall.	2			
	The Roundheads cornered the Cavaliers.	3			
	His friends were dead.	4			
	The king's men and horses tried to fix Humpty.	5			
	Humpty felt a numpty.	6			
5.	What made Humpty feel excited? Why do you think it made him feel this way?				
6.	Why did Humpty fall off the castle wall?				

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